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LESSON I.

death	be-lieve	heav-en	wis-dom
brought	per-ish	thank-ful	Sav-ior

THE BIBLE.

1. Are you able to tell me which is the best book in the world? Yes, that is easy. The Bible is the best book in the world, and it is the book we should like best.

2. It is the only book in the world which is able to save our souls, now and forever.

3. It is the word of God to all men, telling us that man was first made good and holy, but that he was led to sin. Now all men are sinners.

4. It also tells us that God so loved the world that he did send his son Jesus, who came and gave up his life to save sinners.

5. All that believe in the Son of God as their Savior shall not perish, but be saved from sin, and from death, and be brought to glory in heaven.

6. Let us be thankful for this best book of all books. Let us learn to read well that we may soon be able to read the Bible, and learn true wisdom from it.

LESSON II.

odd Em-ma high

THE SWING.

1. Look at Emma in the swing. She likes to swing high. Grace said to her, Spell high, and I will swing you high. Emma did try to spell high; she said: h-y. No, Grace, that will

2. Emma did try again; she said, h-i. No, said Grace, that is not it; try again. Emma did try again; she said, h-i-e. No, said Grace, that will not do; try again.

3. I can not try again, said Emma. I do not know what it can be. I can not spell it; will you tell me how to spell it? Then Grace said, h-i-g-h is high; it is odd, for g and h do not sound.

4. Emma spelled the word after her sister, and then Grace did swing her high. Even when at play, children may learn many a thing.

LESSON III.

field	growled	man-ger	chil-dren
cru-el	ly-ing	self-ish	them-selves

THE DOG IN THE MANGER.

1. There was once a dog lying in a manger, or crib, full of hay and corn.

2. When the horses and cows could find no more food in the field, they came to eat out of the manger.

3. But the dog would not let them; he growled and barked at them, and when the horses came near him, he would even bite them.

4. Now we know that dogs never eat corn or hay. This dog in the manger did

not want this food for himself, yet he would not let others have it.

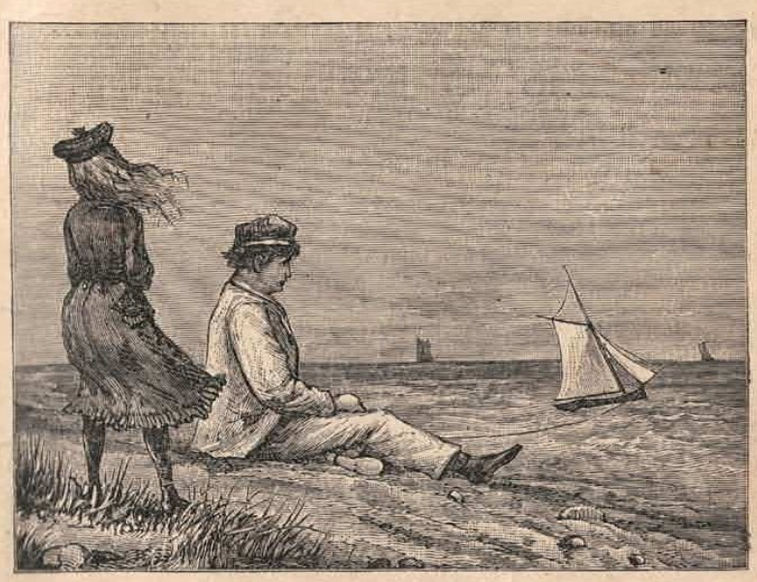
5. This dog was very selfish and very cruel, and so are those children who will not let others have things which they can not have themselves.

6. Be not like this dog in the manger.

LESSON IV.

play-ing cap-tain voy-age sail-ing

a-cross o-cean Ed-win



PLAYING BY THE SEA.

1. These two little children have a ship. Their father is a sea-captain.

2. One time when he came home from a long voyage, he brought this ship for them to play with.

3. They often go down to the shore and put their little ship on the water.

4. Then they play that it is their papa's ship, and that they are going to sea with him, to some place far off across the ocean.

5. But Edwin has a string tied to his little ship; with this he holds on to it, or the wind will blow it out to sea and then it will be lost.

LESSON V.

sight	pres-ent	when-ev-er
crumb	shoul-der	e-ven-ing
pig-eon	flap-ping	beau-ti-ful

EMMA'S PIGEONS.

1. Emma had four beautiful snow-white pigeons. They were a present from her brother.

2. She had a name for each of them. One was Snow-Drop, another White-Wing, another Fleet-Foot, and the prettiest of all was Top-Knot.

3. He had not the prettiest name, but he was her pet.

4. He was so tame he would fly on her head, or shoulder, or hand, whenever she came through the garden gate to feed them, as she did every morning and evening.

5. It was a pretty sight to see them sailing around her, flapping their snowy wings, as if they wanted to thank her for the nice crumbs and corn before they began to eat.

LESSON VI.

hun-gry wil-ful wo-ful

THE CRUST OF BREAD.

You must not throw upon the floor
The crust you can not eat;
For many little hungry ones
Would think it quite a treat.

For wilful waste makes woful want,
And you may live to say,
Oh, how I wish I had the bread
That once I threw away!

LESSON VII.

dear course grieve bus-y
owe friend dan-ger e-nough
per-haps re-mem-ber ten-der-ness

BABY.

1. Can you remember when you were a baby? No, of course you can not. You were too young, and yet you had to be nursed and cared for more tenderly than now, when you are old enough to walk and run and help yourself.

2. Who took all this kind care of you, and watched over you day and night to keep danger away from you? Yes, it was your dear mother.

3. Do you ever think how much you owe her for all her love and tenderness, all those years when you could do nothing for yourself?

4. I hope you do, and that you will never do or say anything, as long as you live, that would grieve her or give her pain.

5. Perhaps you had an older brother or sister who also loved you very dearly, and

helped to take care of you when mamma was busy. Now see how much you owe both to your parents and elder brothers and sisters.

6. But do not forget that you owe most of all to God, who gave you such near and dear friends, and is himself your very best friend.

LESSON VIII.

caught thought ea-gle

THE EAGLE AND THE CROW.

1. An eagle flew down from the top of a high rock on the back of a lamb, and bore it up with him.

2. A crow who sat on a tree saw it, and thought he could do the same.

3. So he flew down on the back of a ram but his feet were caught in the wool, and he tried to fly off.

4. But a man saw him, and took him and gave him to his boy for his sport.

5. Think not, you can do all that you see done.

LESSON IX.

use-ful	climb-er	coun-try
leath-er	there-fore	coun-tries
mer-ry	gnaw-ing	an-i-mal

THE GOAT.

1. The goat is a useful animal. Its flesh is very good, and its milk is light and rich. The skin is made into leather for fine shoes and gloves.

2. The goat is always merry. It skips and jumps and runs all day. It is also a good climber, and therefore thrives best in countries where there are great hills.

3. Goats often do harm by gnawing the bark of trees, or by eating the plants in gardens. They live to be from ten to twelve years old. Young goats are called kids.

LESSON X.

bright chase cra-dle buzz-ing
lull-a-by

LULLABY.

Sleep, Baby, sleep!
Lay down, and do not weep!
Now close your eyes so bright and clear,
When Mamma 's near, you need not fear.
Sleep, Baby, sleep!

Sleep, Baby, sleep,
And do not take a peep!
I shall here at your cradle stay,
And chase the buzzing flies away.
Sleep, Baby, sleep.

LESSON XI.

blow-ing sau-cer man-ner
bub-ble shout-ed col-or

BLOWING SOAP BUBBLES.

1. "Dick is blowing soap bubbles!" cries little Kitty. "Come and see! come and see, Polly!"

2. So Polly came running, and brought with her a clean new pipe which her father had given her, that she might try to blow bubbles too.

3. There sat Dick in the wash-house on a wooden stool, with a saucer in his hand,

that had a little bit of soap in it, and some soapy water out of the wash-tub. Kitty sat on the ground and looked at him, and shouted, and clapped her hands for joy as he blew the bubbles, which floated away in the air.

4. Oh, what a large one he is blowing now. It will never float away. It will burst; and so it does burst, but Dick does not care. He can blow as many as he likes and the cost is not much.

5. Now Polly must try. She dips the end of her pipe into the soapy water as Dick does, and blows with all her might, but no bubble comes.

6. Dick tells her to try again; to take up more soap water into the pipe, and blow gently.

7. So she tries again, and now there is a pretty round bubble that looks green, and red, and all kinds of pretty colors in the light, and it floats away, and she blows out and more bubbles come, and more, and more. Soap bubbles are very pretty.

LESSON XII.

queer	sug-ar	tast-er	boiled
branch	branch-es	trough	e-nough
re-ceive	in-deed	pleas-ant	

LITTLE SUGAR TASTERS.

1. What a queer tree! Does the sugar grow in lumps on its branches? No, indeed, it does not. It runs out of the tree in places where it has been tapped, just like water. Sometimes it only trickles from the spout, and falls drop by drop into a pan or trough ready to receive it. It is cool, and sweet, and very pleasant to the taste.

2. Our little friends think so, though they can get but a drop or two at a time. They can't wait until it is boiled and becomes hard enough like other sugar.

LESSON XIII.

chief	peo-ple	col-or
wealth	cat-tle	coun-try
an-gry	seized	jeal-ous

STORY OF JOSEPH.

PART I.

1. In a country far away from here, there once lived an old man who had twelve sons. He loved them all very much, but he loved two of them more than all the rest.

2. The names of these two were Joseph and Benjamin. He loved Joseph most, and for him he made a coat of many colors. The other brothers were angry at this, and were jealous of Joseph.

3. In that country, their flocks and herds were the chief wealth of the people, and as Jacob, the father, had a great many cattle and sheep, the brothers were the shepherds, and had to take care of them.

4. They were once far away with their flocks, and as their father had not heard of

them for some time, he sent Joseph to see how they were.

5. As soon as his brothers saw him coming, they said among themselves, "Come, let us kill him." But his eldest brother said, "No; let us put him into a deep pit."

6. So when he came to them, they seized the poor lad, stripped off his coat of many colors, and threw him into the pit.

LESSON XIV.

beast	troub-le	a-fraid	de-ceive
doubt	suf-fer	pris-on	mer-chant
wrath	tri-al	wick-ed	mean-time

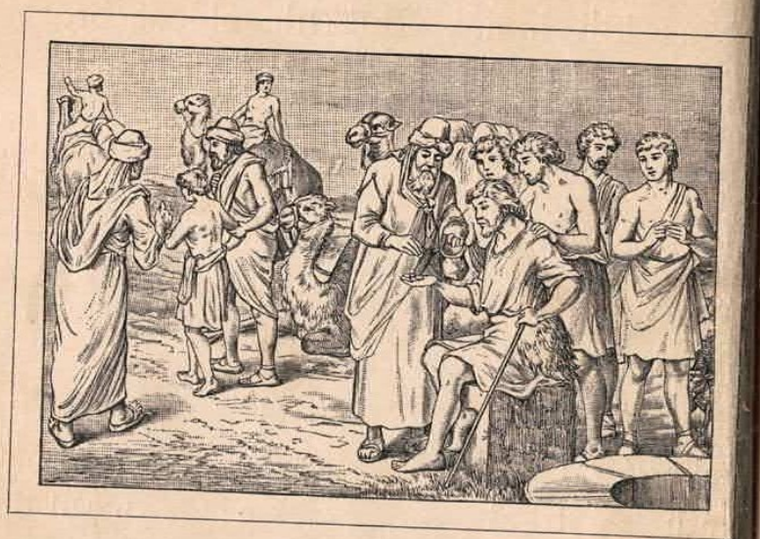
STORY OF JOSEPH.

PART II.

1. Shortly after this, they saw some merchants, who were going to a country called Egypt, and they thought it would be a good plan to sell Joseph to these people, who would take him far away, and then he would never trouble them again.

2. Thus these wicked brothers sold poor

Joseph; but after they had done so, the were afraid of their father's wrath, and they made up their minds to deceive the father.



3. They took Joseph's coat and dipped it in some blood, and then brought it to their father, and said that they had found it so, and that some wild beast must have killed him.

4. Jacob did not doubt what they told him, and wept many days for his son.

5. But Joseph, in the meantime, had been taken off to Egypt and was there sold for a slave.

6. He had to suffer a great many trials, and was once put in prison; but in all his troubles he never forgot God, but prayed to him and put his trust in him.

7. At last he was brought before the king, and became very useful to him, so that he was made ruler over the king's house, and then over all the land.

8. All this time he had never heard of his poor father, and although he was the first man in Egypt, yet he did not forget his poor father, nor did he wish to do his brothers any harm.

LESSON XV.

fear	peace	a-live	fam-ine
face	a-rose	mon-ey	prom-ise
	wag-on	be-cause	

STORY OF JOSEPH.

PART III.

1. Now a great famine arose in all those countries and no one had any corn to eat. But Joseph, who had been told by God what was to come to pass, had laid up

great stores, so that every one came to him to buy corn.

2. Amongst others Joseph's brothers came, but they did not know him, although he knew them at once.

3. When they had got the corn, and had gone home again, they were sadly afraid, for they found that their money had been put back into their sacks.

4. Joseph also had spoken to them as if he were angry, and had asked about their father and younger brother, and had made them promise to bring Benjamin with them when they came again.

5. To make sure that they would do so, he had also kept one of them back, at which their father was again much grieved.

6. They soon had to go back to Egypt for more corn. So they took Benjamin and more money with them, and came with fear to Joseph, and told him how they had found their money in their sacks.

7. Joseph did not seem to know them, wishing to try them, but after a while he

told them who he was. At this they were much afraid, but he soon told them he was not angry, and sent them away happy.

8. Joseph also sent wagons for Jacob and all his people and his goods, and the king gave him a large tract of land for himself, and there they lived with their flocks and herds in peace and plenty.

9. When Jacob heard that Joseph was still alive he could not believe it; but when the wagons came, and he and his people were taken to Egypt, and Jacob had seen Joseph again, he cried out, "Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive."

LESSON XVI.

pane	speak	play-thing
walk	win-dow	naugh-ty

LITTLE RAIN-DROPS.

Oh, where do you come from,
You little drops of rain;
Pitter-patter, pitter-patter,
Down the window-pane?

They won't let me walk,
  And they won't let me play,
And they won't let me go
  Out of doors at all to-day.

They put away my playthings,
  Because I broke them all;
And then they lock'd up all my blocks
  And took away my ball.

Tell me, little rain-drops,
  Is that the way you play,—
Pitter-patter, pitter-patter,
  All the rainy day?

They say I'm very naughty;
  So I've nothing else to do
But sit here at the window;
  I should like to play with you.

The little rain-drops can not speak;
  But, "pitter-patter pat,"
Means, "We can play on *this* side,
  Why can't you play on *that?*"

LESSON XVII.

wear grey speech move moved

THE YOUNG AND THE OLD MOUSE.

1. The mice met, and spoke of the best way to be safe from the cat. A young mouse rose, and said he could tell them a shift, and the only one that could save them.

2. This was that the cat should wear a bell on her neck, so that when the cat moved, they would hear the bell, and could turn to their holes.

3. When the mice had heard this speech, they said that the mouse who made it should have the thanks of all.

4. But an old grey mouse stood up and said he would vote the young mouse thanks too, if he could tell how this bell was to be hung on the cat's neck, and what mouse would like to do it.

LESSON XVIII.

per-haps en-joy o-pened
re-ply re-plied

THE BIRD'S NEST.

1. Henry and his sister Mary had come home from school, and, after they had taken their meal, went into the garden to play.

2. They were full of joy, while their mother was sitting in the shade of a tree with the baby in her lap.

3. All at once the mother said, "Look at that bird on top of that small tree, perhaps

there is a nest in the tree with young birds, and the mother-bird has come to feed them."

4. Soon the bird flew off again. Then Henry and Mary asked their mother if they could go, and see the nest.

5. To this the mother replied, "I will go with you." They went, and found a nest with four young birds, that opened their beaks for food; they seemed to be very hungry.

6. On going back the mother said to Henry and Mary, "We will take care our cat does not catch the birds, that they may stay with us, and may enjoy us with their sweet song."

LESSON XIX.

roar qui-et some-times

THE WIND.

I am the wind,
And I come very fast:
Through the tall wood
I blow a loud blast.

Sometimes I am soft
As a sweet, gentle child;
I play with the flowers,
Am quiet and mild:

And then out so loud
All at once I can roar;
If you wish to have quiet,
Close window and door.

I am the wind,
And I come very fast:
Through the tall wood
I blow a loud blast.

LESSON XX.

walk-ing	fur-ther	safe-ty
mud-dy	hard-ly	trav-eled

THE BLIND MAN AND THE LAME MAN.

1. A blind man was walking along a muddy road, and at last could get no further.

2. He met with a lame man, and begged him to guide him over the bad road.

3. "How can I do that," replied the lame man, "since I am hardly able to drag myself along?"

4. "But as you seem to be very strong, if you will carry me, we will travel through life together."

5. "I will then warn you of any thing that may be in your way: your feet shall be my feet, and my eyes yours."

6. "With all my heart," said the blind man; "let us help each other in that way."

7. So taking his lame mate on his back, they traveled on with safety and pleasure.

LESSON XXI.

build	squir-rel	fore-paw
gnaw	a-corn	ker-nel
fur-nish	dur-ing	gath-er-ing

THE SQUIRREL.

1. The squirrel is a nice little animal, and old and young like it very much. It lives in the woods, where it builds its nest in the

top of high trees. It feeds upon nuts and acorns.

2. When the squirrel eats a nut, it will sit on its hind legs, and hold the nut in its fore-paws. With its sharp little teeth it gnaws off the hard shell, till it gets the sweet kernel.

3. During the summer the squirrel is very busy with gathering nuts and acorns, which it stores away in its nest. When the rough winds begin to blow, when the snow falls and the hard frost sets in, the squirrel keeps within its warm nest, and lives upon its store of food.

4. There are gray, black, and red squirrels. Their flesh makes a nice roast, and their skins furnish good furs to keep us warm.

LESSON XXII.

sight stretch beau-ti-ful to-mor-row

NORTH AND SOUTH, EAST AND WEST.

1. Do you know what time it is? It is noon, and the bells are ringing twelve o'clock.

2. Now, where is the sun? If you turn your face towards the sun, you will see him in the south.

3. And if you stand with your face to the sun at noon-time, the south will be in front of you, and your back will be turned to the north.

4. Now it is easy to find east and west: stretch out your left hand and it will point to the east; stretch out your right hand and it will point to the west.

5. The sun always rises in the east, and sets in the west. When he rises, it is day; when he has set, it is night.

6. Let us go and see the sun set. All day long he has given us light and heat, and now he will soon pass from our sight.

7. How beautiful the sky is in the west the clouds are gold and red. Down goe the sun! He is gone, and will soon be seen by those who live on the other side of th earth. To-morrow morning we shall see him again in the east.

LESSON XXIII.

eve en-ter there-in can-dle
snug a-bove pres-ent Christ-ma
mer-ci-ful

CHRISTMAS EVE.

Two little children rosy and red,
Rest side by side in their snug warm bed.

Christ-Child, we pray thee, do come this way
And bring us presents for Christmas day.

Send us a tree with candles, and toys,
Such as are good for girls and for boys.

Here are our hearts: we pray thee, do come
Enter therein and make them thy home.

Merciful Christ-Child, bring from above,
Every child some proof of thy love.

LESSON XXIV.

hon-ey un-kind cru-el but-ter-fly
a-live de-stroy tort-ure

BUTTERFLIES.

1. How beautiful are the butterflies that we see in the gardens and fields. Their wings are so pretty and their colors so beautiful that we can not help looking at them.

2. They do not sing like the birds, nor make honey like the bees, but yet we are

always pleased to see them, as they fly in and out among the flowers.

3. Some little boys are very cruel to the pretty butterflies. They chase them, and when they catch one they torture it to death.

4. This is very unkind. God made these pretty creatures, and gave them their beautiful wings, and he does not want any one to cruelly destroy them.

5. When they are dead, they can not do any good; but while they are alive, they are pleasant to look at.—Do not hurt the beautiful butterflies.

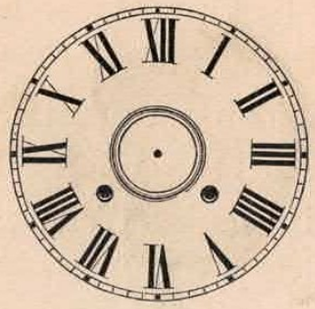
LESSON XXV.

Ro-man	di-al	in-side	min-ute
num-ber	fig-ure	quar-ter	half-way
	be-tween	ex-act-ly	

WHAT TIME IS IT?

1. If you wish to know the time of the day, you must look at the dial of a clock or watch. Along the rim of the dial you will see the numbers from one to twelve.

They are mostly found in Roman numbers in this way:



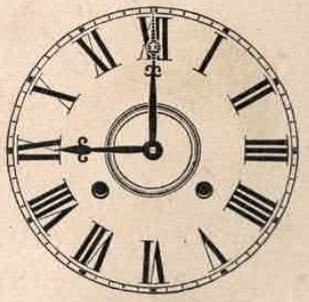
2. In the middle of the dial there are two hands, a smaller and a larger one, thus:

The larger one is called the minute-hand, the smaller the hour-hand. These hands are moved by means of wheels inside the clock or watch.

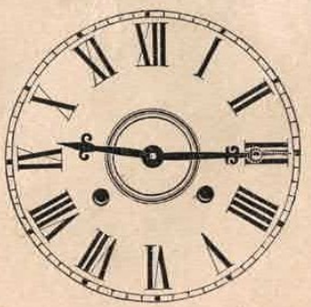
3. The long hand goes from one figure to the other in five minutes; so it gets round the whole dial in the course of an hour. The short hand needs an hour to travel from

one figure to the next one, and therefore it gets round only once in twelve hours.

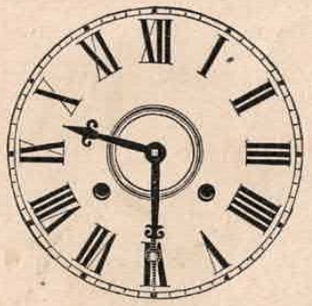
4. Now by looking at the hands and the numbers we can know what time it is. Thus, if the hour-hand points exactly to the number IX, and the minute-hand reaches XII, we say it is nine o'clock.



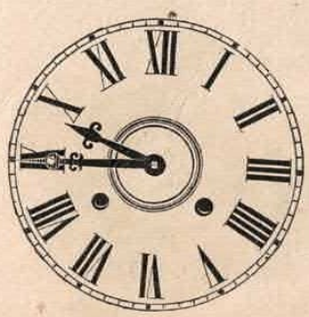
5. When the long hand is at III, and the short one a little above IX, it is a quarter past nine o'clock.



6. When the minute-hand is at VI, and the hour-hand half-way between IX and X, it is half past nine.



7. When the long hand is at IX, and the short one near to X, we say it is three quarters past nine, or one quarter to ten o'clock.



LESSON XXVI.

sneeze wan-ing for-got
a-fraid hand-some pa-tient-ly
cheer-ful fish-er-man

THE LITTLE FISHERMAN.

Once a little fisherman
Went out to catch some fish;
He thought he soon would have enough
To make a handsome dish.

He sat upon the river's bank
And waited for a bite;
He sat so very patiently
From morning until night.

He sometimes thought of bat and ball,
And other cheerful play;
But still that little fisherman
Sat on, all through the day.

He did feel very hungry,
He ate some bread and cheese;
But he was quite afraid to move,
He did not dare to sneeze:

He had been told that fish were quick
Of hearing and of sight;
So all the day he sat quite still
Until the waning light.

And not a fish had he caught yet,
And now 'twas very late,
And shall I tell you why it was?
He quite forgot the bait!

LESSON XXVII.

dar-ling hap-pened ev-er-y-bod-y
be-cause no-bod-y pre-par-ing
a-ny-bod-y temp-ta-tion

"THOU GOD SEEST ME."

1. A kind neighbor had sent Lucy's mamma some beautiful pears. They were piled up in a low glass dish, with their pretty, plump cheeks smiling at everybody that went by.

2. When Lucy saw the pears, she ran up to the table to look at them. The next thing she did was to take one in her hand.

Then she looked all around the room to see if anybody was there.

3. "Nobody will see me," thought Lucy, preparing to put the pear in her pocket. But she didn't do it. She put it back in the dish, and skipped out the room, without another look at the pears.

4. That night before she went to bed, she told her mamma all that had happened. "What made you put the pear back, darling?" asked her mamma.

5. "Because that little verse, 'Thou God seest me,' which I learned to-day at school, rang so in my ears that I had to put it back."

6. "Dear Lucy," said her mamma, kissing her, "I hope that little verse will help you to run away from every temptation, just as it did from this one."

LESSON XXVIII.

	breast	once	proud-ly
	built	ease	grace-ful
reach	hatch	curve	yon-der

THE SWAN.

1. Let us lean over the bridge and watch the swans upon the lake in the park. How proudly they carry their heads; how finely they curve their long handsome necks; and with what ease and grace they sail upon the water.

2. Yes, the swan is a graceful bird when

it swims on the pond or on the lake, but it is not pretty when out of the water, because it does not walk well.

3. Do you see the feet? They are made for swimming, not for walking. All birds that love the water, and swim in it, have web-feet. Swans have web-feet, and geese and ducks have web-feet, and all can swim well.

4. Look at that swan yonder! How proudly she swims, and how the water washes her breast as she sweeps up to the shore. She wants something to eat.

5. The swan has a long bill and a long neck with which it can reach far down into the water to find its food.

6. These swans in the park are tame, and will eat bread out of our hands. But the keeper always warns the boys not to feed the swans.

7. Do you see that large nest over there near the water among the bushes? It is built on the ground and made of dry sticks. That is the swan's nest.

8. There the swan lays her eggs and hatches them. As soon as the little ones are out of the shell, they run to the water at once and swim as well as their mother.

LESSON XXIX.

ren-der	an-swer	quick-ly
serv-ice	quest-ion	po-lite
kind-ness	frank-ly	play-mates

SHORT RULES.

1. If you should go to some one's house, first wipe your feet. Then ring the bell, or knock at the door, and do not enter before you are bid to "come in." Take off your hat and greet when you step in. Do not take a seat before you are told to do so.

2. If a person renders you a service, or does you a kindness, always say, Thank you! If you ask for something, do not forget to say, Please!

3. Answer all questions frankly and quickly. Be kind and polite to every one, also to your playmates.

LESSON XXX.

rogue pan-try scam-per them-selves

THE MICE.

The merry mice stay in their holes,
And hide themselves by day;
But, when the house is still at night,
The rogues come out to play.

They climb upon the pantry shelf,
And taste of all they please;
They drink the milk that's set for cream,
And nibble bread and cheese.

But if they chance to hear the cat,
Their feast will soon be done:
They'll scamper off to hide themselves
As fast as they can run.

LESSON XXXI.

laugh taught wag-on har-ness
hitched

JOHN'S DOG.

1. John had a large, black dog. His hair shone and was smooth. The dog's name was Prince.

2. Prince had his hut near the door of the house. He slept there on clean straw. He was a brave dog. He was the guard of the house.

3. But you will laugh if I tell you, that John called Prince his horse. John taught him to act like one.

4. He had a little wagon with four wheels, and shafts like the shafts of a large wagon. He also had a set of harness, which just fitted Prince.

5. John often hitched Prince to the wagon, and then got in. As soon as he was in, Prince would start off with him, and just go where John wished to go.

6. He would say, "Jee, Prince!" and the dog would go to the right. Then he would

say, "Haw, Prince!" and the dog would turn to the left. If he wanted Prince to stop, he only would have to say, "Ho!" and the dog would stop.

7. If a man was in the field or in the yard, and would take off his coat, he would only have to say, "Prince, take care of my

coat." Then the dog would lie down and put one paw on it, and no one would dare to touch it.

LESSON XXXII.

for-bid	re-buke	dis-ci-ple
suf-fer	bless-ing	ver-i-ly
king-dom	dis-pleased	who-so-ev-er

JESUS BLESSING LITTLE CHILDREN.

1. And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them, and put his hands on them, and pray: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

2. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and called them unto him, and said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

3. "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein."

4. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

LESSON XXXIII.

choose bridge lone-ly au-tumn
ber-ry ber-ries road-side

THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME.

I. IN THE COUNTRY.

1. I am a little country-girl. When I stand on our door-step and look around, I can not see another house anywhere, as far as I can see, but there are lovely blue far-away hills, and woods and soft green fields, and close by the road runs a pretty little brook.

2. We are never lonely, for there is so much to do all day long.

3. When summer comes we pick berries; first we get the strawberries which hide in the long meadow grass, then the raspberries are ripe, and last the blackberries, which grow along the roadside.

4. We can play all day long in the woods if we choose, and make houses among the branches of the trees, and when we are tired of that we can wade in the brook, and make bridges, or sail our boats.

5. Then there is always the big barn full of hay to play in, and we have the chickens to feed, the cows to milk, and the sheep to look after; and in summer comes the hay-making, and the riding home on the hay-cart; and in autumn we gather nuts—oh, I can't tell you half there is to do, or half the fun we have.

6. I wish all little girls lived in the country, and had such a good time as I have!

LESSON XXXIV.

hur-ry	for-lorn	mu-sic	sol-dier
fair-y	in-stead	while	crowd-ed
	un-hap-py		

THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME.

II. IN THE CITY.

1. I am a little city-girl, and all day long from my window I can see the people passing by, up and down the street, till I wonder where they all come from and where they can be going to.

2. The men hurry by as if they had not a minute to spare, and I like to look out at evening and think of the homes they are going to, and of the little children who may be watching for them, as I watch for my dear papa.

3. And ever so many little children go by, and sometimes poor little ones with an old shawl over their heads instead of a hat. I don't like to see them; it makes me sad, for they often look so forlorn and unhappy.

4. It is always lively and bright in the streets, and we often hear bands of music, and sometimes soldiers march by the house, and then too it is great fun to see the store-windows.

5. You can't think how beautiful they are at Christmas time, crowded full of everything you can think of. It is like a fairy tale to see them, and Jane and I like to look at all the pretty things, and wonder what child will get them, and how they will like them, and what they will play with them.

6. Every summer we go for a while into the country, but though I have a pleasant time playing in the fields and looking for flowers in the woods, it seems rather lonely to me, and very, very quiet, and I am always glad to get back to my own dear home again.

7. Oh, I wish all little girls lived in the city, and had such a good time as I have!

LESSON XXXV.

dawn	bright	mid-dle	cun-ning,
roam	toe	nice-ly	rain-bow.

THE NEW MOON.

O mother, how pretty the moon looks to-night!
She was never so cunning before:
Her two little horns are so sharp and so bright!
I hope she'll not grow any more.

If I were up there with you and my friends,
We'd rock in it nicely, you'd see;
We'd sit in the middle, and hold by both ends:
Oh, what a bright cradle 'twould be!

We'd call to the stars to keep out of the way,
Lest we should rock over their toes;
And then we would rock till the dawn of the day,
And see where the pretty moon goes.

And there we would stay in the beautiful skies,
And through the bright clouds we would roam;
We'd see the sun set, and see the sun rise,
And on the next rainbow come home.

LESSON XXXVI.

e-vil	heav-en	de-liv-er	pow-er
hal-lowed	tres-pass	temp-ta-tion	

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

THE END.